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## **ELECTION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2007, Applicants elect Species I, Claims 2-12, 21-29, and 36-39, for further examination on the merits in the present application. Thus, it is believed that an examination on the merits of Claims 2-12, 21-29, and 36-39 is in order and it is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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